

The Scoop on Damage Prevention



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2012 Safety Training Update

In February 2012 the training season began with a focus on Public Works/Municipal workers as well as the County Commissioners and their employees. The statewide Safety Programs are held to increase awareness of the underground facility dangers that exist and to encourage use of the State's One-Call notification system.

Attendees receive a FREE catered lunch and have an opportunity to meet and visit with the underground facility representatives. Every attendee will also receive free gifts, door prizes and be registered for a

\$1,000 gift card that will be given away at the end of our training year. By the end of May the damage prevention message has been delivered at 17 safety meetings to 667 Public Works/Municipal works and County Commissioners and their employees.

During the months of August and September Adhoc meetings will be scheduled for those Public/Municipal workers and County Commissioners who were not able to attend a regular safety training meeting.



City of Tulsa
May 7th & 16th

COMING SOON!! Mark Your Calendar

The Oklahoma Damage Prevention Summit October 1-3, 2012

Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman, Oklahoma. Interested in more information about attendees, workshops, exhibitors, sponsorship, etc. Visit the web site below.

<http://www.oklahoma.damagepreventionsummit.com>



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Special points of interest:

- Webinar Training Schedule
- Early Day Tornado Shelters

North Division
Red Carpet Green Country Frontier



Call Okie sponsored Adair High School robotics team (they call themselves ANT – Adair Nerd Team) which is made up of students who are instructed to design and build a robot from scratch. Their robot will compete in a game with robots from other high school teams. This will be the third year of robotic competition. The robots are wireless.

Andrea Hudson teaches algebra at Adair High School and is the instructor for the robotics team. January 7, 2012 at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, there is kickoff day," she said. "You are shown an example of the game they want the robots to play. Then you have six weeks to design and build the robots. We call that

'rush week'. The book of rules given to us is very thick. After the six-week construction period, it's off to the regional competition in March in Oklahoma City."

At regionals, Hudson said, "It is not unusual to see team members helping competing teams with their robots. It is all about team preparation. We want to help other teams with their robots because if we have a problem with ours we hope they will lend us a hand. It's about the team not you."

Even the operation of the robot is a team effort. One student must monitor the computer operations of the robot, two students using joysticks drive the robot around the field of competition and one student works as a spotter to lead the robot in the right direction.

Team members are seniors Madeleine Ruiz, Theron Gilmer, Israel Price, Daniel Grizzle; juniors Joseph Pfaffenberger, Chris Lary; sophomores Chase Mooney, Adam Clair, Taylor Gilmer, Isaac Davis, and freshmen Jordan Jones, Alex Clair, Troy Parman, Eric Yeager. (Isaac Davis is the son of Damon Davis who is a coordinator at Call Okie)

Congratulations to the Adair Nerd Team (ANT) they won The Coopertition Award (not a typo) at the FIRST® Robotics Competition in Oklahoma City. They were proactive in walking around between events and assisting other teams with parts, labor, or technical skills.

North DPC June Activities

June 6th - USIC Mtg - OKC

June 7th thru 9th - Safety Alliance BBQ Blues Festival - Cushing

June 13th - PEDPC Mtg Call Okie Office

June 20th - Red Carpet Damage Prevention Council - Enid

June 20th - OKSCAUG Mtg - Norman

June 28th - Linn Energy Appreciation Golf Tournament

WEBINAR TRAINING SUMMER 2012

In the Spring of 2012 a new feature was introduced for Excavators to the Call Okie web site; ticket lookup and enhanced web ticket entry. Webinars will be offered at various times during the summer for a better understanding in how to use the new added features, enhanced web tickets and ticket lookup. Visit the link below to RSVP

<http://www.callokie.com/excavators/damageprevention/events/calendar.asp>

June Training Date

June 19th - 10am to 11am

**South Division
Chickasaw Great Plains Kiamichi**

May Activities



**86th State FFA Convention
Cox Business Center
May 1-2, 2012
Oklahoma City, OK**

The National Future Farmers of America is a dynamic youth leadership organization that strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agriculture education. Today, Oklahoma FFA has over 6,000 members.

This year Call Okie partnered with Chesapeake as exhibitors for this event. The 86th State FFA Convention, located in Oklahoma City, attracted over 12,000 attendees. These students strive for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Call Okie Damage Prevention educated future farmers and ranchers for potential excavation dangers associated with in the agricultural industry associated with post holes, terraces and farm ponds.

**Before you
start your
excavation
Call Okie 48
hours
before you
dig...it's the
Law!**



South DPC June Activities

June 6th - USIC Mtg - OKC

June 7th thru 9th - Safety Alliance
Committee BBQ Blues Conference
Cushing

June 13th - PEDPC

June 13th thru 15th - OSC Conference
Tulsa,

June 19th - ORWA Operators Rodeo
Stillwater

June 20th - OKSCAUG - Norman

***Know a contractor that would benefit from Call Okie training.
Contact your Damage Prevention Manager.***

**Public Education
Damage Prevention Council
Next Meeting**

June 13, 2012
10 AM
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To Provide quality underground damage prevention and communication services in the great state of Oklahoma.



Early-day tornado shelters known as 'storm caves'

BY MARY PHILLIPS | Published: May 7, 2012

Pioneer settlers of Oklahoma would dig 'storm caves' before they built their homes to protect families from tornadoes.

Tornado season is upon us, and already we've had two bouts with them, resulting in deaths, injuries and destruction. Weather experts tell us to take cover in our "storm caves" when a dark cloud appears on the horizon.

Storm cave is a term for tornado shelters that has been used every decade from 1901 to 2008 in The Oklahoman. Not being familiar with storm caves, I have heard the tornado shelter called a cellar, a storm cellar, a storm shelter, a fallout shelter and, of course, my favorite, the "fraidy hole."

Storm caves were most often mentioned in The Oklahoman's classifieds as a selling point for houses and land, but this editorial published June 3, 1947, gives some history.

"Some years ago when the pioneers were moving out into the prairie country in quest of permanent homes many of them (a great many of them) were careful to dig storm caves even before they began to build their houses.

"One reason was there was abundant space for cave digging and the only cost entailed was the labor of the digger, while the material required for house building was back on the nearest railway, sometimes several days' journey away. Many of the pioneers lived in their primitive dugouts for several years.

"But there was another reason for that pioneer day digging-in operation. The first settlers were well aware of the possibility of an unexpected visit from a spiraling storm cloud.

"So they prepared what the cowboys in their vernacular called their 'fraid holes,' both as a place of temporary residence and as a safe harbor if a tornado should appear on the scene. And unquestionably many a pioneer survived to a ripe old age who might have been blown into the next county if it had not been for some convenient hole in the ground.

Read more: <http://newsok.com/article/3673063#ixzz1uDsbsaAN>

